

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11, 13 and 16-21 are allowed over the prior art of record.
Claims 1, 4-6, 17, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16 and 18-21 are renumbered as 1-15 respectively.

2. The present invention is directed to a "Printing Device and Method for Operating a Printing Device." Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "*the measuring times (T_n) are chosen such that the time between successive calibration measuring times increases with the time since the calibration print was printed out.*".

The closest prior art, Harrington (US 6,178,007) fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara D. Reinier whose telephone number is (571)270-5082. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8am-4pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler L. Haskins can be reached on 571-272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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